

THE TENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF MILLIS

FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1895.



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1895.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1894-95.

SELECTMEN.

WILLARD P. CLARK, LOUIS LA CROIX, ADIN P. BLAKE.

TOWN CLERK.

LOUIS LA CROIX.

ASSESSORS.

JOHN M. CRANE, CHARLES G. BRACKETT,
ASAHEL F. LOVELL.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

THOMAS HARDING, ADIN P. BLAKE, HORATIO JONES.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FRANK E. COOK,	TERM EXPIRES 1895.
EVAN F. RICHARDSON,	TERM EXPIRES 1896.
ELMER L. RICHARDSON,	TERM EXPIRES 1897.

TREASURER.

OSGOOD T. DEAN.

COLLECTOR.

GEORGE C. THRASHER.

CONSTABLES.

J. CLARENCE THORNE, JOHN H. INGRAHAM.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

O. T. DEAN, 1895,	*J. M. CRANE,
*J. H. HAINES,	*A. H. WHELOCK,
	*A. L. WARE.

*Appointed to fill vacancies.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

S. FOLSOM 1895,

O. T. DEAN 1896,

L. LA CROIX 1897.

AUDITOR.

EDMUND F. LOVELL.

Appointed by the Selectmen.

FENCE VIEWERS.

P. R. CLARK,

MOSES RICHARDSON,

F. E. COOK.

FIRE ENGINEERS AND FOREST FIREWARDS.

GEORGE R. HILL, *Chief*,J. S. ADAMS, *Clerk*.

O. A. CLARK.

SPECIAL POLICE.

J. C. THORNE,
W. H. THORNE.J. H. INGRAHAM,
A. R. DANIELS.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

O. T. DEAN,
F. SWARMAN,J. W. FARWELL,
E. N. CLARK.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

O. T. DEAN.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.

MOSES C. ADAMS.

UNDERTAKER.

EVAN F. RICHARDSON.

THE RECORDS
OF THE
TENTH MUNICIPAL YEAR,
1894-95.

FIRST TOWN MEETING, APRIL 2, 1894.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator of said meeting.

Osgood T. Dean was elected and qualified before the town clerk.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on the reports of the various town officers as contained in the printed reports.

Voted to accept the report of the treasurer, collector, selectmen, overseers of the poor, fire engineers, assessors, school committee, and trustees of the public library.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all the town officers for the ensuing year, that the law requires to be chosen by ballot annually, viz:—One town clerk, one treasurer, board of three selectmen, board of three assessors, board of three overseers of the poor, one collector, one auditor, two constables, one member of the school committee for three years, one for one year, one trustee of the public library for three years, one park commissioner for three years, and one for two years, and to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" All the above to be on one ballot. The polls will be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at 2 o'clock, P. M. Also to choose all town officers that are not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

E. F. Richardson and George F. Holbrook, ballot clerks, A. L. Ware and G. H. Roberts, tellers, qualified before the town clerk.

The polls were closed at two o'clock P. M. 190 ballots were cast, including women's votes for school committee. The votes were counted and declared as required by law, and were for the following persons:—

For Town Clerk:—

Louis La Croix,	164
George H. Clark,	1

For Selectmen:—

Moses C. Adams,	88
Adin P. Blake,	146
Willard P. Clark,	107
James H. Haines,	62
Louis La Croix,	137
George H. Roberts,	1

For Assessors:—

Charles G. Brackett,	122
John M. Crane,	94
James H. Haines,	63
Arthur F. Leonard,	75
Asahel F. Lovell,	93
George C. Thrasher,	78

For Overseers of the Poor:—

Adin P. Blake,	162
Thomas Harding,	161
Horatio Jones,	154
E. F. Richardson,	2

For Treasurer:—

Osgood T. Dean,	158
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For School Committee, 3 years:—

Elmer L. Richardson,	154
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For 1 year:—

Frank E. Cook,	148
C. G. Brackett,	1
A. H. Wheelock,	1

For Collector:—

George C. Thrasher,	153
J. C. Thorne,	1

For two Constables:—

Albert R. Daniels,	87
John H. Ingraham,	89
J. Clarence Thorne,	129
E. L. Richardson,	1
E. Ryan,	2

For Auditor:—

Edmund F. Lovell,	156
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For Park Commissioner, 3 years:—

Louis La Croix, 157

For 2 years:—

Osgood T. Dean, 146

H. L. Millis, 1

License: Yes, 45; No, 102.

Voted that all officers, not required by law to be elected by ballot, be appointed by the selectmen.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen, and posted according to law.

Accepted jurors as follows:—

CALEB S. WILLIAMS,	FRED H. HOLLAND,
GEORGE P. SIMMONS,	JONATHAN C. STANDLEY,
EDMUND N. CLARK,	JOHN M. CRANE,
WILLIAM A. KNOWLES,	JOSEPH S. ADAMS,
GERMAN S. HOSLEY,	JOHN SHEA,
JAMES P. SPENCER,	STANLEY A. CLARK,
EDMUND F. LOVELL,	HENRY E. HOSMER.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, the same to be paid from the tax of 1894.

Voted that the treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the present and current year, and to give notes of the town therefor; and the debts incurred under authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will accept and adopt the by-laws as presented by the committee.

Voted to adopt the by-laws as amended

Voted that the town clerk be authorized to present these by-laws to the justices of the superior court.

ARTICLE 7. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town expenses for the ensuing year.

Voted to grant \$10,200, appropriated as follows:—

Debt and interest	\$2,700 00
Highways, bridges, and sidewalks	1,200 00
General incidentals	1,500 00

Amount carried forward, \$5,400 00

<i>Amount brought forward.</i>		\$5.400 00
Schools: Incidentals, fuel, transportation, tuition, care of houses		
Poor department		3,000 00
Fire department		1,000 00
Snow bills		500 00
Public library		200 00
		100 00
		\$10,200 00

Voted that a committee be appointed with power to employ counsel to investigate the contracts of the town. Appointed Charles G. Brackett, George C. Thrasher, and John M. Crane.

Voted that the question of appropriation for hydrant service be laid on table until the committee on contracts reports.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to employ a superintendent of schools.

Voted to grant \$150 for salary of superintendent of schools.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum of money the town will grant for the expense of Memorial Day.

Voted to grant \$50 for expenses of Memorial Day, to be expended by George R. Hill and George K. Fisher.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will grant a sum of money for the care and repairs of the cemetery; and act on any matter relating thereto.

Voted to grant \$50 for care and repair of cemetery.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets; or act in any matter relating thereto.

Voted that the selectmen be instructed to make a contract with such parties as may be willing so to do, for a period of five years, to light the streets of the town at an expense not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) each year.

ARTICLE 12. To see what compensation the town will allow the collector of taxes for the year ensuing; or act in any matter relating thereto.

Referred to ARTICLE 3, Section 9, of by-laws.

ARTICLE 13. To see what disposition the town will make of the money refunded by the county on account of dog licenses.

Voted that the money refunded by the county on account of dog licenses be appropriated to the use of the public library.

ARTICLE 14. To see what action the town will take, if any, in relation to delinquent taxpayers.

Voted that 6 per cent be charged on all taxes unpaid at the present time.

Voted that the collector be given until July 1 to collect all taxes but the poll taxes, which be collected immediately.

ARTICLE 15. To hear the report of the building committee, chosen April 17, 1893, to report with plans in relation to building new school-house.

Committee reported in writing, recommending that the matter be laid on the table, and the committee relieved from further action.

Voted that the report be accepted.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will accept as public highways the following streets as laid out by George A. Kimball, civil engineer, and approved by the selectmen, and grant money for the same, and act in any matter relating thereto:—First, Daniels street (so called), commencing at a point on Union street, and running 1050 feet to land now or formerly of Helen E. Van Kleeck, said street to be 40 feet wide; second, Irving street (so called), extending from land of Millis Company, or owner, to its intersection with Daniels street; said street is 665 feet in length and 40 feet wide.

Voted to accept Daniels street as laid out.

Voted to grant \$150 for Daniels street.

Voted to accept Irving street.

Voted to grant \$50 for Irving street.

Adjourned.

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.

SECOND TOWN MEETING, SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1894.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Elected Osgood T. Dean as moderator. He qualified before the town clerk.

ARTICLE 2. To hear reports from any or all town officers and committees, and act thereon.

The committee chosen April 2 last, to investigate the contracts of the town, reported in writing as follows:—

Your committee have to report that the first contract found on record as made by the town is in Article fourth of the warrant for a town meeting held May 27, 1890, for the purchase of a certain tract of land for a public park, for the sum of ten thousand dollars. The last clause of said article is as follows: "Said consideration to include the expense of laying out the park, or do any other act or thing in relation to the same." It was further voted at the same meeting under Article fifth that the town instruct its park commissioners to make a contract with Mr. Henry L. Millis to maintain and keep in repair its park for a period of ten years for the sum of one thousand dollars a year. Said contract was made and a copy is herewith presented.

As default has been made in said matter by the failure in the first place to use any portion of the aforesaid consideration either to maintain or keep in repair said park, and furthermore as the contract above recited calls for an annual payment to the town of one thousand dollars on October 1 of each year for ten years, on which payment default was made October 1, 1893, your committee, having consulted counsel, are advised that for these and other causes, said contract has become null and void, and they do so report.

In the matter of the hydrant service, your committee are unable to find that any legal contract whatever has been made at any time. On page ten of the year 1893 we find the following: "John S. Folsom, for the committee of water supply, made a verbal report," after which Mr. H. L. Millis made the proposition recorded on the same page, which the town voted to accept; but as the warrant for the meeting contains nothing whatever concerning any such matter, it is of course null and void, as the law clearly provides that no such action can be taken unless notice thereof be put in the warrant. [See Public Statutes, Chapter 27, Section 55.]

Your committee would recommend by advice of counsel that it would be much better for the town and all parties concerned to rescind all votes

whatever on the water question, in order that in the future the town may not be in any way embarrassed by any question as to its past action.

Your committee may perhaps in a measure exceed their power by venturing to suggest to the meeting the appointment of a committee of citizens, to consist of not less than four, to act in conjunction with the board of selectmen to report such measures as in their judgment it may be best for the town to adopt in the matter of both water and light.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. CRANE,
CHARLES G. BRACKETT,
GEORGE C. THRASHER.

Voted to accept the report.

Voted that a committee of four be appointed to act in conjunction with the selectmen to inquire into the advisability of the town's buying the water plant and the electric light plant, with cost of same, and report at an early date to the town.

Voted that the necessary expenses of the committee be paid by the town. Appointed on committee, E. J. Stewart, F. E. Cook, Charles LaCroix, George C. Thrasher.

Selectmen reported one proposal to furnish electric lights.

Voted that the proposal be laid on the table, until the committee shall report.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to rescind any or all votes on the water question.

Voted to rescind all votes passed by the town in relation to water and hydrants.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will arrange with the Millis Water Co., for hydrant service, and to grant money therefor, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted to lay on table until the committee chosen under Article 2 of this meeting shall report.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will grant an additional sum of money for debt and interest.

Voted to grant \$225 for debt and interest.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to pay the sums due several parties for maintaining street lights for the past year.

Voted to grant \$75 for bills due for street lights in 1893.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will grant a sum of money for suppression of illegal liquor selling.

Dismissed.

Adjourned.

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.



THIRD TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1894.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Elected Osgood T. Dean as moderator, who qualified before the town clerk.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of a committee chosen April 28, 1894, to consider the advisability of the town buying the water works and electric lights, and to act in any manner relating to the same.

Committee reported in *writing* by its clerk, George C. Thrasher.

Voted that the report be accepted.

The report recommended the town to purchase the Water Company's franchise and rights at a price of \$24,000, and that it was inexpedient to act on the electric light question at present.

Voted, that the whole matter of the purchase of the franchise and corporate property, and all the rights and privileges of the Millis Water Company, including all the property now used and operated by it, also the electric light plant owned by the Millis Company in its entirety and as it now exists in this town, be referred to a committee of three, to be chosen by a committee of three, who shall be appointed by the moderator, with full powers to negotiate for and purchase the same in the name and for the town, at a price subject to the approval of the town at an adjourned meeting.

Committee chosen by nominating committee: C. Wesley Emerson, Thomas Harding, Evan F. Richardson.

Voted to ratify the choice of the committee on nominations.

ARTICLE 3. To see what action the town will take with reference to paying for water for municipal purposes since April 28, 1894, or do or act anything relating thereto.

Voted that Article 3 be considered with Article 7.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote that the ballots for all elections in town be furnished at public expense.

Voted that the ballots for all elections in the town of Millis be furnished at public expense.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will order trees in front of public places boxed or otherwise protected.

Voted to instruct the selectmen to box such trees as may be necessary to protect them from being destroyed or injured by horses.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to publish a library catalogue.

Voted to appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) to publish a catalogue of the books in the public library.

ARTICLE 7. To take from the table Article 4 of warrant of April 28, 1894, laid on table until a committee shall report. (Article 4. To see if the town will arrange with the Millis Water Company for hydrant service, and to grant money therefor or act in any manner relating thereto.)

Voted that the town do pay for hydrant service at the same rate as in the past.

Voted to appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500) for that purpose.

Adjourned to Monday, Oct. 29, 1894, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING, OCTOBER 29, 1894.

Meeting called to order by Osgood T. Dean, moderator.

Dr. C. W. Emerson, for the committee chosen October 8, 1894, reported recommending the purchase of the Water Company at a price of twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000).

On motion of E. J. Stewart: Voted, that the town of Millis purchase of the Millis Water Company its franchise, corporate property, including all property now operated by it, together with all the rights and privileges of said corporation, paying as a consideration therefor a sum of money not exceeding \$28,000. 125 voting; Yes 94, No 31.

Reported recommending the purchase of the electric light plant at a price of five thousand dollars (\$5000).

On motion of J. S. Folsom: Voted, that the town of Millis accept the provisions of, and that it is expedient to exercise the authority conferred in, Section 1 of Chapter 370 of the Acts of the year 1891, and of any amendments thereof, providing for the construction, purchase, lease, establishing, and maintaining within its limits of a plant for the manufacture or distribution of gas or electricity for furnishing light for municipal use, and for the use of such of its inhabitants as may require and pay for the same.

119 voting; Yes 89, No 30.

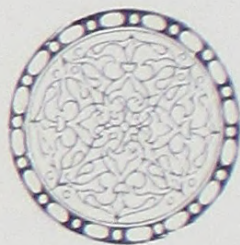
Voted that Dr. C. W. Emerson, Thomas Harding, and Evan F. Richardson be a committee to represent the town for the purpose of receiving the property, passing papers, and attending to all the necessary details incidental to the transfer, with full powers to act for, and in behalf, and in the name of, the town.

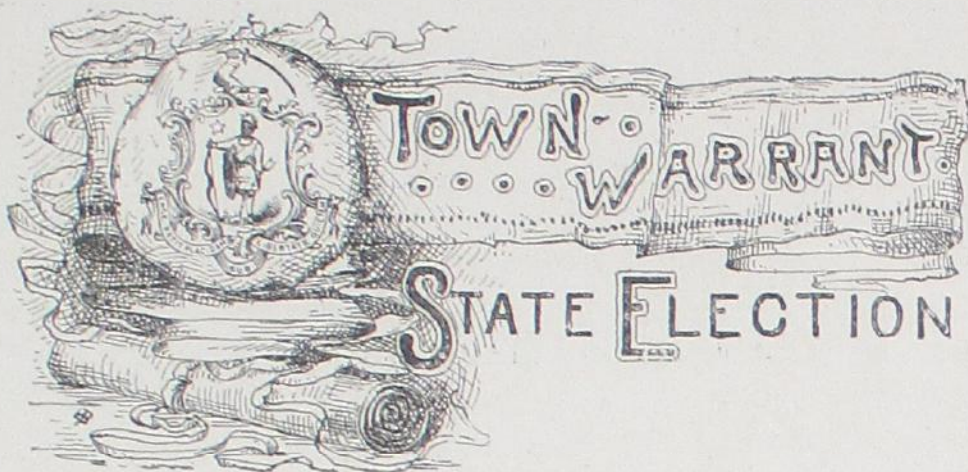
Voted that the committee have power to approve all legitimate bills, and authorize the town treasurer to pay them.

Voted to authorize the treasurer to ascertain at what per cent the town can borrow money to pay for water works and electric light plant, and report at some future meeting.

Adjourned.

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.





November 6, 1894.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk ss.

To Either of the Constables of Millis.

GREETING: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Millis, qualified to vote in elections, to meet in Grange Hall, on Tuesday, November 6, 1894, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, to give in their votes for the following state and county officers, and questions, viz.:—

Governor,
Lieutenant-Governor,
Secretary,
Treasurer,
Auditor,
Attorney-General,
Councillor for Second District,
Senator for Second Norfolk District,
Representative to the General Court for Ninth Norfolk District,
County Commissioner for Norfolk County,
County Treasurer for Norfolk County,
Register of Deeds for Norfolk County,
Representative in United States Congress for Eleventh Massachusetts District,

Amendment to the Constitution: "Shall the amendment relative to Commissioners of Insolvency be approved and ratified?"

One County Commissioner to fill a vacancy.

All of said votes to be on one ballot.

Evan F. Richardson and Jeremiah H. Shannon qualified as ballot clerks and tellers, Frank E. Cook and Edmund F. Lovell qualified as inspectors and tellers, James H. Haines qualified as teller.

Polls were opened at 8 A. M. and closed at 2 P. M. Whole number of ballots cast as counted, 152, which agreed with check lists; the ballot-box registered 153.

The ballots were sorted, counted, declared, and sealed as required by law, and were for the following persons:—

Governor:—

Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell,	101
Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield,	1
John E. Russell of Leicester,	46

Lieutenant-Governor:—

Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston,	5
Charles E. Stratton of Boston,	42
Roger Wolcott of Boston,	98

Secretary:—

Charles A. DeCourcy of Lawrence,	41
Wilbert D. Farnham, Jr., of Somerville,	3
William M. Olin of Boston,	100
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton,	1

Treasurer:—

John M. Fisher of Attleborough,	1
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield,	41
Henry M. Phillips of Springfield,	102

Auditor:—

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg,	99
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg,	1
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston,	40

Attorney-General:—

Frank M. Forbush of Natick,	1
Henry F. Hurlbut of Lynn,	39
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford,	101

Councillor, Second District:—

Bushrod Morse of Sharon,	41
Cyrus Savage of Taunton,	103

Senator, Second Norfolk District:—

Robert S. Gray of Walpole,	102
Joshua B. Hanners of Walpole,	1
Charles Warren of Dedham,	41

Representative in General Court, Ninth Norfolk District:—

William Carter of Needham,	93
Harry Moriarty of Medfield,	28
William G. Moseley of Needham,	22

County Commissioners, Norfolk:—

Thos. Blanchard of Stoughton, to fill vacancy,	98
Wm. W. Burke of Weymouth, to fill vacancy,	6
Nelson W. Green of Hyde Park, full term,	2
Melville P. Morrell of Hyde Park, full term,	84
Henry E. Ruggles of Franklin, full term,	43

County Treasurer, Norfolk:—

Robert C. Habberly of Hyde Park,	4
Charles H. Smith of Dedham,	125

Register of Deeds, Norfolk District:—

John H. Burdakin of Dedham,	127
Louis W. Hodges of Foxboro,	2

Representative in Congress, Eleventh District:—

William F. Draper of Hopedale,	99
Bentley Wirt Warren of Boston,	43

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution relative to commissioner of insolvency be approved and ratified?

Yes	47
No	12

LOUIS LACROIX,
Town Clerk.

Result of the vote cast November 6, 1894, in Ninth Norfolk Representative District, for one representative to the General Court.

	WILLIAM CARTER.	WILLIAM G. MOSELEY.	HARRY MORIARTY.
Medfield,	131	54	59
Needham,	241	281	39
Dover,	43	37	7
Wellesley,	243	88	59
Millis,	93	22	28
	751	482	192

FOURTH TOWN MEETING, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1894

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator of said meeting.

Elected Osgood T. Dean as moderator, and he qualified before the town clerk.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will appropriate twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) for the purchase of the franchise, corporate property, and all the rights and privileges of the Millis Water Company, and provide for raising the same by borrowing or otherwise, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted that the town appropriate twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) for the purchase of the franchise, corporate property, and all the rights and privileges of the Millis Water Company.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2 000) for the purchase of an engine for the water works, and for the purpose of meeting the expenses involved in making the necessary connections, alterations, and repairs, and provide for raising the same by borrowing or otherwise, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted to dismiss the article

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to issue notes, bonds or scrip to the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30 000), in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 246 of the Acts of the year 1892, or take any action in relation thereto.

On motion of C. W. Emerson it was voted unanimously, fifty-eight voting, that the town of Millis, for the purposes of paying the costs of the purchase of the franchise, corporate property, and all the rights and privileges of the Millis Water Company, and the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred or which may be incurred under the provisions of Chapter 246 of the Acts of the year 1892, issue its bonds, notes, or scrip to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000). Said bonds, notes, or scrip shall bear on their face the words, "Millis Water Loan," shall be payable at the expiration of periods not exceeding thirty (30)

years from the date of passage of this vote, shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum, and shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the board of water commissioners of the town. Said board of water commissioners shall have full discretion in the matter of determining whether bonds, notes, or scrip shall be issued, and the rate of interest not exceeding four per cent, as in their judgment the best interests of the town demand.

In the event of the issuing of bonds or scrip, such a sinking fund shall be established as will extinguish the indebtedness within the time prescribed in the bonds, and in the event of the issuing of notes, such indebtedness shall be made payable in such annual proportional payments as will extinguish the same within thirty years from the date of issue of said note or notes.

In anticipation of the issuing of said bonds, notes, or scrip, the treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow temporarily when directed by said board of water commissioners said sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for a period not exceeding six months, giving therefor the note or notes of the town signed by said treasurer and countersigned by said board of water commissioners.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will appropriate money to procure better heating facilities for the Adams schoolhouse, or act on any matter relating to the same.

Voted that the town appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500) for the purchase of improved heating facilities for the Adams schoolhouse.

Voted that the school committee be empowered to make contracts and to dispose of old stoves.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1890, relating to public libraries.

Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1890 and amendments thereto, relating to public libraries.

The committee, through their counsel, H. T. Richardson, Esq., reported to the town the result of inquiry into titles to the property of the Millis Water Company.

Report accepted and placed on file.

Vote of thanks extended to the committee for the faithful manner in which they had conducted their business.

Adjourned.

LOUIS LA CROIX,
Town Clerk.



FIFTH TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1894.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Elected Osgood T. Dean as moderator. He qualified before the town clerk.

ARTICLE 2. To elect a board of water commissioners, as provided for in Section 12 of Chapter 246, Acts of 1892.

Proceeded to election as by law directed, Frank E. Cook and Edmund F. Lovell acting as ballot clerks, the ballot box in charge of the selectmen. The ballots were received, counted, declared, and sealed, and were for the following persons:—

Water Commissioner for three years, Charles W. Emerson had eleven votes; for two years, Thomas Harding had eleven votes; for one year, Evan F. Richardson had eleven votes.

Adjourned.

LOUIS LA CROIX,
Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The Public Statutes of Massachusetts read as follows:—

Parents shall give notice to the clerk of their city or town of the births and deaths of their children. Every householder shall give like notice of every birth or death happening in his house; the eldest person next of kin shall give such notice of the death of his kindred.

Whoever neglects to give such notice for the space of six months after a birth or death shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five dollars.

Blanks for making the above reports may be had at any time by applying to the town clerk.

LOUIS LA CROIX,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1895.

DATE	NAME.	PARENTS.
1894.		
Mar. 10	Edwin Russell Ferrer	Edwin H. and Georgiana (Russell).
21	Hazel Myra Harding	Frank S. and Katie (Obst).
Apr. 6	William A. Standley	J. C. and Edna A. (Rogers).
10	Annie Welch	Thomas G. and Margaret (Murphy).
May 10	Clara May Frink	Herbert C. and Isabella C. (Draper).
24	Paul Arlo Daniels	Jerry B. and Annie H. (Richardson).
July 23	Lewis Elmer Richardson	Elmer L. and Eliza J. (Mixer).
Oct. 1	Charles La Croix	Charles and Esther W. (Bullard).
4	Annie Pearl Finley	James and Jane (Dennis).
13	John Herbert Wiggin	Herbert and Mary J. (Tracy).
24	Edward La Croix	Edward and Lena C. (Adelstein).
27	Carrol J. Seeidenberg	Jacob and Ellena (—).
Nov. 23	Dorothy Newton Clark	Lemuel and Bertha J. (Swett).
26	Walter Hoar	William M. and Margaret (Hughes).
Dec. 1	Irving Eugene Scott	Winfield B. and Elmera (Swarman).
17	Robert Francis Thompson	James R. and Mary (Rafish).
27	Ann Evangeline Toubey	William and Margaret (Keefe).

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1895.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED.
1894.			
Mar. 26	Edward Mitchell	Millis	Rev. Thos. B. Lowney, Medway.
Mar. 28	Mary Griffin	Millis	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Millis.
Apr. 5	Frank W. Springer	Millis	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Medfield.
June 20	Sarah E. Finley	Medfield	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Millis.
Aug. 5	Frederick A. Wildes	Boston	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Millis.
Sept. 5	Evelyn E. Adams	Millis	Rev. Edmund Dowse, Sherborn.
5	William L. Millett, Jr	Medfield	Rev. John A. Savage, Medfield.
Oct. 31	Kesla H. Swarman	Millis	Rev. A. Woods, So. Framingham.
Dec. 15	Horace M. Cushman	Millis	Rev. Albert H. Wheelock, Millis.
Dec. 30	Bertha A. Cook	Millis	Rev. Thos. B. Lowney, Medway.
	George C. Tingley	Boston	
	Elizabeth L. Bullard	Millis	
	George L. L. Allen	Medfield	
	Gertrude N. Rogers	Millis	
	John L. Fitzgerald	New York	
	Derena Cote	Millis	
	Louis A. De France	Millis	
	Ella Chopay	Millis	
	Joseph F. Cook	Medfield	
	Margaret V. Boudreau	Millis	

DEATHS RECORDED IN MILLIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1895.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			PLACE OF BURIAL.
1894.		Y.	M.	D.	
Feb. 28	Lydia S. Winn	64	4	—	City Mills.
Mar. 24	Marinda Daniels	93	—	12	Millis.
24	Betsy Darling	77	4	23	Millis.
Apr. 5	John A. Farrington	44	2	8	Millis.
16	John George Whitlock	1	—	18	Medway.
May 1	Thomas J. Keefe	2	—	—	Holliston.
June 28	Sarah Newland	75	—	—	Millis.
July 3	William A. Standley	—	2	27	Beverly.
Aug. 1	Eliza B. Fuller	77	6	1	Millis.
24	Jemima L. Daniels	82	11	—	Franklin.
Sept. 9	Clara May Frink	—	3	21	Millis.
29	Emily Snow	81	—	22	Millbury.
Oct. 4	Annie Pearl Finley	—	—	1/2	Millis.
12	William Lidgett	67	—	—	Norfolk.
31	Laura F. Thrasher	76	7	26	Medfield.
Dec. 16	Lorana B. Richardson	93	6	22	Millis.
1895.					
Jan. 26	John Ryan	63	—	—	Medway.
26	Harriet P. Millis	69	8	27	Lansingburg, N. Y.

INTERMENTS IN MILLIS, DEATHS OCCURRING IN OTHER PLACES.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			PLACE OF DEATH.
1894.		Y.	M.	D.	
Sept. 13	Annie E. Tuttle	45	2	25	Somerville.
14	William A. Knowles	39	—	11	Norwood.
Nov. 6	Urania H. Babcock	69	11	—	Somerville.



TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year 1894-95.

OSGOOD T. DEAN, Treasurer,

In account with the TOWN OF MILLIS, MASS.

DR.

Balance	\$ 192 78
Poor department, A. C. Andrews	34 00
Poor department, S. G. Burton	227 77
Corporation tax	14 21
Fire department, rent of Niagara Hall	10 00
Cemetery, sale of lot	6 00
Pool table license	2 00
Poor department, Betsy Darling bank book	5 56
Schools, state, superintendent	187 50
Cemetery, sale of lots	15 00
Poor department, Town of Millbury	127 67
Corporation tax	145 99
Bank tax	279 05
State aid	140 00
Income school tax	316 07
School department, sale of books	3 46
R. G. Fairbanks, esq., fines	63 00
J. W. Longstreet & Co., loan	25,000 00
Millis Savings Bank, loan	1,000 00

Amount carried forward,

\$27,770 06

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$27,770 06
J. Warren Clark, loan	350 00
George C. Thrasher, collector	12,288 07
Dog tax	155 36
	\$40,563 49

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Millis Savings Bank, notes and interest	\$ 2,637 45
Holliston Savings Bank, notes and interest	1,809 49
Market National Bank, notes and interest	1 525 83
H. M. Phillips, treasurer park loan, and interest	1,271 25
N. F. Goldsmith, note and interest	1,150 00
J. W. Longstreet & Co., notes and interest	19,190 02
Court expenses	87 94
School committee, orders	3,721 43
Selectmen, orders	3,128 37
Overseers of poor, orders	1,262 78
Fire engineers, orders	901 94
Fire engineers, orders, hydrant service	724 18
County tax	573 04
State tax	500 00
Public library	405 36
School committee, order, heating	495 00
	\$39,384 08

RECAPITULATION.

Received	\$40,563 49
Paid	39,384 08
Balance	\$1,179 41

PURCHASE OF WATER WORKS.

Received from Clarence Dorr & Co.	\$29,000 00
Paid Clarence Dorr & Co., interest on note	\$ 214 39
Millis Water Co.	28,000 00
	\$28,214 39

RECAPITULATION.

Received	\$29,000 00
Paid	28,214 39
Balance	\$785 61

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Due Commonwealth of Massachusetts, park loan	\$ 6,000 00
Due N. F. Goldsmith, time loan	4,000 00
Due Holliston Savings Bank, loan	2,000 00
Due J. W. Longstreet & Co., loan	6,000 00
Due J. Warren Clark, loan	350 00
Due Clarence Dorr & Co., loan	29,000 00
	\$47,350 00

OSGOOD T. DEAN,

Treasurer.

I have examined the books of the treasurer, found vouchers for all charges, and accounts correctly cast.

EDMUND F. LOVELL,

Auditor.



SELECTMENS REPORT

SOON after organization the board of selectmen rode over every piece of highway in the town of Millis to see where work was needed most. The roads are in fair condition, and we think the same amount as appropriated last year will keep them so.

We found Lavender street in a very bad condition, and had to fix some of the worst places, besides filling in the east end near the shoe factory. Since then, on looking up the fact and records, we are very doubtful if this street is a legal town highway, the laying out not being in compliance with the statutes.

Daniels street and a part of Irving street, for which special appropriations were made, were put in good condition within the amounts of appropriation.

The financial part of the town's business has not run as smoothly as could be wished, owing to the failure of so many to pay their taxes on time, thereby obliging the renewing of temporary loans which were made in anticipation of the taxes.

The bridge near the mill in Rockville had to be new silled and planked, and the stone arch bridge on Middlesex street, North district, had to be strengthened on the under side.

The county commissioners held an adjourned hearing on account of the railroad bridge on Plain street. The Railroad Co. have widened and raised the ends of the bridge, making it much better for teams, but very little for foot travelers. The commissioners have not formally accepted the work, and will not until it has the approval of the selectmen.

We have paid this year one-half the expense of sidewalk in front of house of H. S. Roach, he being the only applicant for the customary one-half cost of new sidewalk.

In making up this report, we find a discrepancy between our accounts and the treasurer's, owing, we find, to persons having bills approved and carrying them in their pockets instead of presenting them to the treasurer.

Several bills approved by this board have not been presented to the treasurer at the closing of the accounts.

EXPENDITURES UNDER DIRECTION OF THE SELECTMEN.

The following bills have been approved and ordered paid:—

Paid to Ames Plow Co., road machine edge . . .	\$ 7 65	
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, bridge lumber . . .	17 53	
George R. Hill, cement and labor on bridge . . .	10 67	
		\$35 85

NORTH DISTRICT.

Paid to F. E. Cook 12 7-9 days' labor . . .	\$55 29	
F. E. Cook, gravel . . .	4 00	
F. E. Cassidy and man, labor and team 8 1-9 days . . .	19 94	
Fred Cassidy, labor 8 days . . .	12 00	
D. Dinneen and son and horse . . .	23 23	
D. Dinneen, jr., 5 1-2 days . . .	8 25	
J. Spellman, 8 5-6 days . . .	13 25	
W. R. Morse, horses 2 days . . .	5 00	
J. L. Snow, 10 1-3 days . . .	15 50	
M. Murphy and team, 5 5-6 days . . .	23 75	
J. M. Crane and team, 6 1-3 days . . .	25 33	
L. Clark and team, 6 1-3 days . . .	25 33	
Mrs. Crowley, man 9 1-3 days . . .	14 00	
P. W. Daniels, 3 days . . .	4 50	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>		
	\$249 37	\$35 85

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$249 37	\$ 35 85
J. M. Crane, cutting brush	2 00	
J. Clark, cutting brush	8 55	
E. La Croix, drain pipe	3 20	
J. W. Daniels, gravel	5 75	
S. Huntley, labor and gravel	11 00	
G. S. Hosley, gravel	7 50	
L. D. Hatfield, 31 8-9 hours	5 79	
D. Murphy, jr., 2 days	3 00	
G. N. Lavender and team 1 1-3 days	5 33	
E. La Croix	3 64	
		305 13

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Paid to George C. Thrasher, posts	\$ 2 00	
J. C. Thorne	1 60	
C. O'Brien	5 25	
F. Springer	6 75	
E. E. Burnett	6 33	
D. West	12 00	
T. Maloy	10 95	
S. A. Clark	15 99	
E. La Croix, 3 bills, drain pipe	9 88	
F. E. Cassidy	17 33	
J. C. Thorne	51 74	
W. I. Ross	3 00	
J. P. Spencer	11 58	
J. A. Hutchins	172 13	
J. A. Hutchins, man	18 59	
George C. Thrasher	82 40	
J. A. Hutchins, 11 shovelers	51 67	
Gardner Penniman	11 83	
E. F. Richardson	17 24	
E. F. Richardson	4 75	
H. E. Hosmer	5 25	
M. Maguire	14 83	
T. McMahan	5 83	
C. La Croix, gravel	2 35	
J. H. Shannon	3 05	
W. H. Andrews	13 50	
P. R. Clark	32 89	
P. R. Clark, gravel	4 00	
H. S. Roach, 1-2 expense of sidewalk	6 00	
G. C. Thrasher	1 50	
		602 21
<i>Amount carried forward.</i>		\$943 19

Amount brought forward,

\$943 19

SOUTH DISTRICT.

Paid to Francis H. Danie's, labor	\$41 66	
D. McCarty and son, labor	21 92	
W. P. Clark, lumber and labor	7 00	
E. L. Richardson	55 99	
E. Ryan	20 25	
E. H. Ferrer, labor	9 95	
Mrs. E. H. Ferrer, gravel	6 05	
J. D. Hutchinson	4 25	
H. Wiggin	17 75	
W. S. Mitchell, lumber	9 07	
George Evans	4 50	
Elizabeth Tingley, man and team	18 00	
Frank Hutchinson	6 00	
Michael Maguire	1 50	
Dennis McCarty	23 50	
E. T. Rogers	1 65	
E. L. Richardson	6 25	
		255 29
Total		\$1,198 48

IRVING AND DANIELS STREETS.

Appropriations:—

Daniels street	\$150 00	
Irving street	50 00	
Paid to John A. Hutchins	\$15 90	
George C. Thrasher	48 22	
George C. Thrasher, man	12 84	
George C. Thrasher, 3 men	49 50	
George N. Lavender	27 10	
P. R. Clark	8 00	
M. Splain	7 84	
J. Clancy	3 83	
E. La Croix, drain pipe	14 37	
A. P. Blake, stone markers	2 00	
		\$189 60

STREET LIGHTS. 1893.

Appropriation	\$75 00	
Paid to E. A. Jones	\$ 5 50	
J. H. Haines	5 00	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$10 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$10 50
F. Swarman	9 00
R. Watson	7 00
L. F. Richardson	5 00
W. Adams	4 00
O. A. Clark	5 50
J. Smith	5 50
E. Ryan	5 00
A. Waite	5 00
	\$56 50

SNOW.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Paid to F. E. Cassidy	\$ 7 00
L. Clark	12 35
Fred Cassidy	2 25
E. F. Richardson	1 75
J. C. Thorne	2 00
N. Adams	1 50
M. C. Adams and others	5 25
J. L. Snow	5 32
S. A. Clark	1 35
Oak Grove Farm	6 25
L. Hatfield	4 20
E. L. Richardson	2 40
George C. Thrasher	1 50
J. C. Thorne, clearing sidewalks	16 50
E. N. Clark	3 00
	\$72 62

PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY.

Appropriation	\$ 50 00
Paid to Moses Richardson & Son	\$46 84

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Paid to George C. Thrasher, services as assessor, 1893	\$50 00
Charles G. Brackett, services as treasurer	50 00
Osgood T. Dean, services as treasurer	50 00
Osgood T. Dean, office expenses	11 85
Osgood T. Dean, care of town standard	5 00

Amount carried forward, \$166 85

Amount brought forward,

\$166 85

E. J. Stewart, auditor	\$ 10 00
J. C. Thorne, constable and police	50 00
O. T. Dean, moderator	5 00
J. H. Ingraham, fire engineer	10 00
C. La Croix, "	10 00
George R. Hill, "	10 00
J. S. Adams, "	10 00
J. W. Farwell, fire engineer and clerk of the board	15 00
G. M. Billings, printing, 3 bills	20 86
C. G. Brackett, " 5 bills	15 25
H. A. Bullard, "	3 00
J. C. Thorne, "	1 78
S. J. Spear, " 2 bills,	15 20
C. G. Brackett, expenses of committee	4 00
W. H. Thorne, distributing town reports	4 25
W. P. Clark, insurance on office fixtures	5 00
N. Y. & N. E. Railroad Co., coal, 2 bills	18 87
Lakeview Press, printing, 2 bills	155 00
J. M. Crane, assessor	53 75
C. G. Brackett, assessor	61 25
A. F. Lovell, assessor	45 00
Clerk of courts, account of By-laws	5 00
W. H. Thorne, police 1893	15 00
George H. Roberts, police	5 00
A. R. Daniels, police	30 25
Louis Hawes, civil engineer, investigating water works	59 48
A. P. Blake, repairs on guide-boards	3 00
Geo. L. Myer, " "	2 50
J. H. Shannon	4 40
J. C. Thorne	9 06
M. R. Warren	1 40
A. D. Morse, damage to sleigh	2 00
J. C. Thorne, police assistance	6 00
M. J. Kiley, printing	3 25
M. C. Adams, inspector of cattle	30 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, ink	1 08
E. F. Richardson and others, election officers	8 00
O. T. Dean, treasurer and sealer, and moderator	132 25
J. M. Crane	6 00
S. H. Frink, janitor town office	8 25
W. H. Thorne, police	5 00

Amount carried forward

\$1,026 98

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,026 98
A. P. Blake, selectman	50 00
W. P. Clark, selectman	50 00
Louis La Croix, selectman and town clerk	75 00
George C. Thrasher, expense Water Co.	10 59
Grange Hall Association, use of hall	33 80
N. Y. & N. E. Railroad Co., gasoline	14 67
George G. Drew, detective service	62 12
Millis Water Co., drinking trough	10 00
Louis La Croix, town clerk, registering births, marriages and deaths	15 10
Returns of births and deaths	6 50
Office expenses, postage and express	6 50
Expense on account by-laws	3 00
F. T. Knight, 2 signs	1 50
	———— \$1,365 76

STATE AID.

Paid to Louisa A. Foster	\$44 00
Sarah L. Fisher	44 00
L. A. Chessman	12 00
Gardner Penniman	54 00
Edward T. Dean	34 00
Town of Medway, account of Stratton	24 00
	———— \$212 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid George R. Hill	\$50 00
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Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD P. CLARK,
LOUIS LA CROIX,
ADIN P. BLAKE,

Selectmen of Millis.

LIST OF JURORS

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE TOWN FOR ACCEPTANCE,
MARCH 4, 1895.

JONATHAN C. STANDLEY,
HENRY E. HOSMER,
PUTNAM CLARK,
GEORGE N. LAVENDER,
J. WARREN CLARK,
AUGUSTUS L. WARE,

JOHN M. CRANE,
ALBERT J. BABCOCK,
FRANCIS H. DANIELS,
GEORGE C. THRASHER,
FRANK E. COOK,
ASAHEL F. LOVELL,
STANLEY A. CLARK.

W. P. CLARK,
ADIN P. BLAKE,
LOUIS LA CROIX,

Selectmen of Millis.

MILLIS, February 6, 1895.



THE following report is respectfully presented for the year ending Jan. 31, 1895:—

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated by the town	\$1,000 00
Received from A. C. Andrews	25 00
“ J. L. Burton case	277 77
“ Betsy Darling, bank account	5 56
“ Town of Millbury	127 67
	\$1,395 00

EXPENDITURES.

MRS. I. FOLLANSBEE.

Paid Marron H. Curtis, board 1 month	\$10 00
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C. C. DARLING.

Paid E. F. Richardson, burying remains	3 00
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BETSY DARLING.

Paid Mrs. Elvira Bullard, for board	\$16 70
E. F. Richardson, burial expense	25 00
Dr. Bell, medical attendance	3 00
	44 70

Amount carried forward,

\$57 70

Amount brought forward,

\$57 70

FRANK SAVAGE.

Paid Town of Rehoboth, supplies	73 00
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JOHN J. JORDAN.

Paid City of Boston, supplies	5 00
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MARY A. SHUMWAY.

Paid Mrs. Henry Crusar, board, 1 year	144 70
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SARAH NEWLAND.

Paid Mrs. Sweeney, board and care	\$79 70
Mrs. Owens, care, one night	1 00
Mrs. Wheeler, care	8 00
Dr. Bell, one visit, (1893)	1 50
Dr. Hamlin, 18 visits	27 00
E. F. Richardson, burial expense	14 00
A. A. Brown, for medicine	1 00
	132 20

MRS. JAMES SPELLMAN AND TWO CHILDREN.

Paid Leander Hatfield, board and care, 3 4-7 weeks	\$30 00
Mrs. Dr. Hooper, medical attendance	17 00
	47 00

EMILY SNOW.

Paid Mrs. Sweeney, board, 15 3-7 weeks	\$82 28
Dr. Hamlin, services and medicine	25 50
E. F. Richardson, funeral expenses	23 25
W. H. Stockwell, burying remains	3 50
	134 53

JAMES L. BURTON.

Paid City Hospital, Worcester	60 00
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MARY MAXWELL.

Paid Dr. Hamlin, examination	2 00
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SEVIAH M. LINCOLN.

Paid Town of Prescott, for board	113 43
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MRS. P. SAVAGE.

Paid Wm J. Ford, board, 9 months	39 00
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Amount carried forward,

\$808 56

Amount brought forward,

\$808 56

WILLIAM LIGGET.

Paid George Gardiner, 10 weeks' board	\$39 99	
Dr. Hamlin, medical attendance	18 00	
Dr. Bell, 1 visit	2 00	
E. F. Richardson, burial expenses	23 00	
William Mann, burying remains	2 00	
		84 99

JOHN RYAN.

Paid Lauren Sawyer, board and care, 12 4-7 weeks	\$64 00	
Dr. Hamlin, medical attendance	31 50	
Horatio Jones, paid for medicine	1 03	
E. F. Richardson, burial expenses	21 00	
		117 53

STATE PAUPER.

Paid Dr. C. W. Emerson, board	\$ 3 00	
Dr. Hamlin, setting limb and attendance	25 00	
A. L. Ware, care	50	
C. Powell, care	7 00	
		35 50

MRS. SALOME POWELL.

Paid Mr. Manix, rent	\$6 00	
J. C. Thorne, coal	1 75	
		7 75

MRS. DREW.

Paid F. H. Shannon, supplies	5 00	
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid W. P. Clark, service in Burton case (1893)	\$ 4 00	
Jordan, Marsh & Co., 10 pairs blankets for lockup	9 75	
Express	25	
Thomas Harding, conveying state paupers to Tewksbury	2 95	
Thomas Harding, service as overseer	30 00	
Horatio Jones, " "	22 00	
A. P. Blake, " "	21 50	
G. C. Thrasher, wood for lockup	6 50	
Thomas Harding, case of T. J. Saunders	1 76	

Amounts carried forward,

\$98 71 \$1,059 33

Amounts brought forward,

Thomas Harding, expenses to Worcester	\$98 71	\$1,059 33
Thomas Harding, care of 831 tramps	3 40	
Dr. Hamlin, sick tramp	96 45	
Thomas Harding, expenses to Boston in Burton case	3 00	
	1 89	
		203 45
		\$1,262 78

RECAPITULATION.

Received	\$1,395 00	
Paid	1,262 78	
		\$132 22

THOMAS HARDING,
HORATIO JONES,
ADIN P. BLAKE,
Overseers of the Poor.



ENGINEERS' REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE board of engineers would report for the year ending January 31, 1895:—

The board organized May 5, 1894, with George R. Hill as chief, and O. A. Clark and J. S. Adams assistants. The engines and apparatus are in general good order, and the companies are well drilled and very prompt to respond to all alarms of fire.

We would recommend an appropriation of \$500 for general expenses, also an appropriation of \$100 to paint Niagara engine house.

LIST OF BILLS PAID BY TOWN TREASURER PER VOUCHERS.

Rockville Engine Co.	\$ 29 75
Rockville Engine House	28 00
N. Stanley	4 50
E. L. Richardson	1 00
George C. Thrasher	16 50
Niagara Engine Co.	132 50
Rockville Engine Co.	8 00
Frank Knights	1 50
Wm. Mitchell	65
Martin's express	75
Wm. Frink	23 75
O. T. Dean	7 50
Boston Woven Hose Co.	10 04
J. C. & H. H. Thorne	68 00

Amount carried forward

\$332 44

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$332 44
J. C. & H. H. Thorne	13 00
Rockville Engine Co.	29 50
L. E. Thompson	75
J. H. Shannon	13 95
George R. Hill	6 00
Martin's express	3 25
Edward Stewart	28 18
George R. Hill	4 90
Martin's Express	3 25
H. Kingsbury	15 00
Edward Lovell	8 50
W. P. Clark	22 50
Wm. Mitchell	99
O. T. Dean	9 00
Thomas Harding	9 40
Appropriation	\$500 61
	500 00

REPORT OF ENGINEERS AS FOREST FIRE WARDS FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1895:—

LIST OF BILLS PAID BY TOWN TREASURER PER VOUCHERS

C. G. Brackett	\$ 2 00
J. W. Farwell	5 50
A. A. Brown and others	68 50
Thorne and Cassidy	30 00
Thrasher and Hutchins	26 75
Bert. Gampeneiu	1 50
Niagara Engine Co.	137 50
G. S. Hosley	5 10
S. H. Taylor	1 50
George R. Hill	3 50
J. S. Adams	3 50
J. Heath	1 50
M. C. Adams	1 25
Stanley Clark	2 50
David West	2 50
Dennis McCarthy	1 50
George Hood	1 50
Holland	1 25
George Lavender	75
Arthur C. Adams	75
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$298 85

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$298 85
J. S. Adams	1 75
G. S. Hosley	1 50
Bert Gampeneiu	4 75
Thomas McMahan	10 25
James Hart	1 00
Hazelton & Fisher	6 02
Ed. La Croix	75
S. H. Frink	3 25
James Riley	2 00
S. H. Taylor	1 00
William McDonough and others	8 50
David West	75
George Hood	50
G. Hunt	2 00
Thomas McMahan	1 50
Hazelton & Fisher	5 70
L. E. Thompson	3 26
Harry Goss	1 25
Charles Brackett	3 25
Rowell and others	39 25
Carl Nelson	50
Hutchinson & Bro.	2 75
David West	2 50
	\$402 85

HYDRANT SERVICE.

Appropriation	\$500 00
Expenditures:—	
Millis Water Co.:—	
June 25. 2 months, 4 days	\$124 44
Oct. 8. From April 28 to Oct. 1, 1894	295 58
Dec. 1. From Oct. 1, 1894 to Dec. 1, 1894	116 66
Town of Millis Jan. 1, 1895 to April 1, 1895	187 50
	\$724 18

FIRES IN MILLIS IN 1894.

	Alarms.
Feb. 12, Storehouse at Rockville	1
March 30, Grass, H. Hosmer	1
April 2, Grass near the woodenware factory	1
May 2, Woods, Black swamp	1
May 3, " Stony-plain	1
May 3, " Island woods	1

	Alarms.
May 13, Woods, Island woods	2
May 14, " " "	3
May 15, " " "	2
June 17, " " "	1
July 7, " Brickyard	2
July 13, Fire was in Norfolk	1
July 18, Fire at Putman Clark's	1
July 21, House of M. Richardson	1
July 30, Woods, H. Daniels	1
Dec. 18, Storehouse, George Clark	1
Total, 21 alarms and 2 still alarms.	

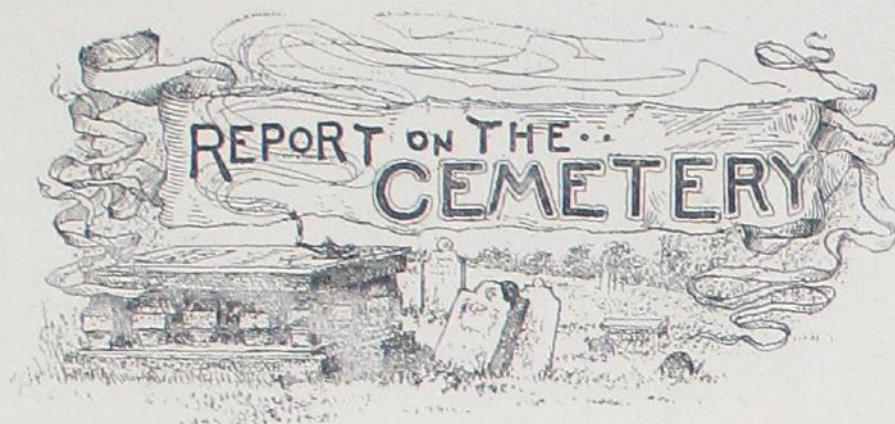
GEORGE R. HILL,

O. A. CLARK,

J. S. ADAMS,

Fire Engineers of Millis.





For the Year 1894-95.

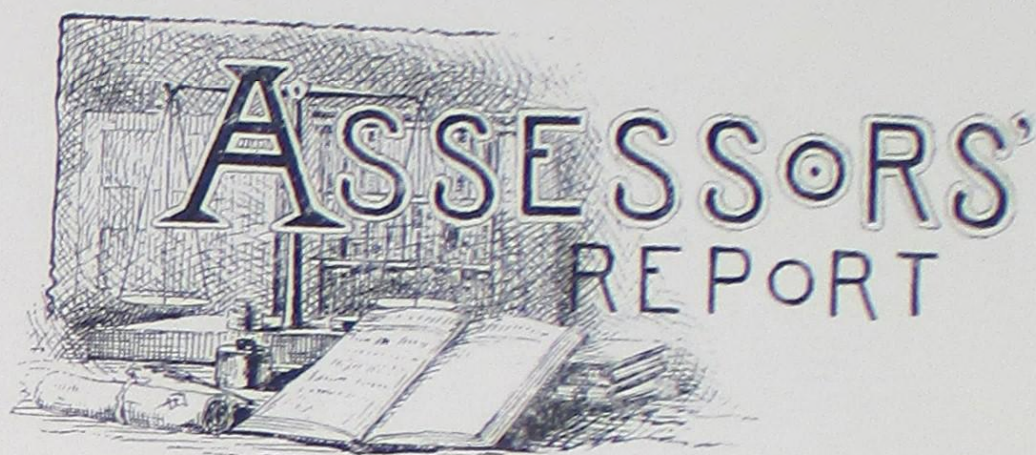
DURING the last year there has been expended for repairs, labor, and care the sum of \$46.84, and I have received for sale of lots \$21, which amount has been paid in to the town treasury. I would recommend that the town each year grant a small appropriation to be used in the care of the cemetery.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation	\$50 00
Expended	46 84
Unexpended balance	\$3 16

MOSES RICHARDSON.

MILLIS, Jan. 26, 1895.



TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

Schools	\$3,000 00
Roads and bridges	1,200 00
Poor	1 000 00
General incidentals	1,500 00
Fire department	500 00
Memorial Day	50 00
Public library	100 00
Debt and interest	2,925 00
Cemetery	50 00
Superintendent of schools	150 00
Street lights, 1893	75 00
Irving street	50 00
Daniels street	150 00
Snow bills	200 00
	\$10,950 00

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Town grant	\$10,950 00
State tax	500 00
County tax	573 04
	\$12,023 04

DEDUCTION FROM AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION.

Bank and corporation tax	\$425 04
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VALUATION.

Value of assessed personal estate	\$115,760 00
Value of assessed real estate	736,565 00
Total valuation	\$852,325 00
Total tax assessed	\$11,722 23
Rate per thousand	\$13 00
Number of polls	321
Number of taxpayers on property	365
Number taxed for poll tax only	172
Total taxpayers	537
Number of horses	205
" neat cattle	506
" swine	62
" sheep	2
" fowl	520
Value of buildings	\$477,520 00
" land	\$259,045 00
Number of acres of land	6,966

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. CRANE,
ASAHEL F. LOVELL,

Assessors.



COLLECTOR'S REPORT. 1894-95.

1893.

DR.

To amount due February 24, 1893	\$5,387 01	
Interest collected	36 42	
		<u>\$5,423 43</u>

CR.

By amount paid treasurer	\$4,960 28	
Balance	463 15	
		<u>\$5,423 43</u>

1894.

DR.

To tax warrant	\$11,722 23	
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CR.

By amount paid treasurer	\$7,327 79	
Balance	4,394 44	
		<u>\$11,722 23</u>

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. THRASHER,

Collector of Taxes.

MILLIS, Feb. 14, 1895.

REPORT OF THE STEAM HEATING COMMITTEE.

YOUR committee, having been chosen at a special town meeting called the last of December to have charge of the placing of improved heating facilities in Adams schoolhouse, report the following :—

Steam was decided to be the best method of heating ; specifications were drawn up, and proposals for bids were advertised. Only two bids were received, Mr. Parlin of Natick for \$495, and E. LaCroix of Millis for \$490. The contract was awarded to E. LaCroix, and the work was done in the vacation before the commencement of the winter term, and though subject to some drawbacks at first, which have been remedied by a change in the draught, everything is now working with a degree of satisfaction.

Special appropriation	\$500 00
Paid E. La Croix	\$490 00
E. F. Richardson for printing and expenses	5 00
	————— 495 00
Unexpended balance	\$5 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. RICHARDSON,

F. E. COOK,

E. L. RICHARDSON,

Committee on Steam Heating.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of the Town of Millis:—

IN presenting our annual report to the town of Millis we first invite your earnest attention to and co-operation with the public schools. The statement has been made that our schools, though costing at the present time double or triple the amount they cost fifteen or twenty years ago, are little if any better in quality. We doubt not that the public schools today are open to criticism and have their imperfections, but it seems that any comparison in efficiency of the schools of today with those of earlier years, in favor of the latter, is a mistaken and wrong impression, and seems to indicate an imperfect knowledge of the schools and their work. We doubt the advisability or success of any long discussion or argument at this time in favor of the public schools; but assure all citizens that they are not in a position to appreciate thoroughly the schools unless acquainted with the school work. This knowledge can be gained only by personal inspection. Therefore to any inclined to criticism of the schools, it is only just to them, to the schools, and to the town that they inform themselves thoroughly of the schools' work.

THE SCHOOLS.

Millis can feel justly proud of her schools as far as the results of their work are concerned, and we believe that they are in as good if not better condition than ever before, and to a better understanding of their work would refer the reader to the superintendent's report, this being the fourth year of his supervision.

Owing to a reduction in the school appropriation from \$3500 to \$3000 for the last fiscal year, and consequently the

enforcement of rigid economy in every direction so as not to exceed the appropriation or lessen the number of weeks in the school year, partly for the above reason, and partly because the scholars decreased in numbers during the last spring term, the primary school taught by Miss Cora Daniels in the lower ante-room of Adams school was discontinued in May, her scholars were divided, the third grade given to Miss Fox, and the second grade to Miss Newhouse.

TEACHERS.

The school teachers are the same as were employed a year ago, with the exception of the teacher of the grammar school. Mr. Blanchard resigned at the close of the spring term, and D. Henry Whipple of Peabody, a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School, and a teacher of considerable experience, was engaged in his place. It is needless to say to those at all acquainted with the work of the grammar school that we are very fortunate in securing a most excellent teacher, one who has the confidence of both parent and pupil, and who is doing much to keep the school to the front. The other teachers are continuing the same successful work as has marked their efforts in the past. It has been necessary to increase some of the teachers' salaries slightly, in order to retain their services. Good schools cannot be had without good teachers, and it is the policy of your committee to keep a good teacher as long as possible, if within the means of the town.

CONDITION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The Adams school building needs a coat of paint on the outside; the Ellice school stands in need of the same, and the roof of the latter should be shingled, otherwise the buildings are in a thoroughly neat and fair condition, and will, we believe, answer for some time before necessary to make any extensive improvements. The above repairs should receive immediate attention, and the committee recommend a special appropriation for the purpose.

THE MEDWAY HIGH SCHOOL.

There is an attendance of 17 Millis pupils at the Medway high school. At one time during the year the pupils from Millis constituted one-third of the membership of the whole school. The rank of the school is good, and Millis is fortunate in being able to give her pupils a good high school education. In December the Medway school committee gave notice of a change in the price of tuition from \$20 a year per scholar (the price which has always been paid) to an amount equal to the average cost per scholar per year. Your committee objected to the above change in terms as unfair and not satisfactory, as it can readily be seen that on that basis the tuition might vary from \$20 to \$60 a year for each scholar, according to the number of pupils in attendance. The terms have since been adjusted to \$30 per year for each pupil, which we believe to be a fair price.

TRUANCY.

W. H. Thorne and J. H. Ingraham were chosen truant officers, and the necessity of their service has been evident several times during the year. If all parents had the true interests of their children at heart, there would be very little need for the service of a truant officer. Mr. Thorne was called upon on eight different occasions.

The public statutes as amended in 1894, relating to the subject of truancy, read as follows:—

CHAPTER 188.—AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY.

SECTION 1. Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, and, in cities and towns where industrial training is taught between the ages of eight and fifteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, for at least thirty weeks if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by the superintendent of schools or the school committee; such period of attendance shall begin within the first month of the fall term of school, and for each five days of absence of any such child thereafter, in excess of the above allowance, before the completion of the required annual attendance of thirty weeks, the per on

having such child under his control shall, upon the complaint of the school committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalty shall not be incurred.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOLS.

Annual grant	\$3,000 00
For superintendent	150 00
Amount from state school fund	316 07
Amount from state towards superintendent's salary	187 50
Amount from sale of books and supplies	3 46
Total avails	\$3,657 03

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid town of Medway for high school tuition from March 1, 1893 to March 1, 1894	\$248 00
Paid for teaching the Adams grammar school:—	
C. W. M. Blanchard	\$210 00
D. Henry Whipple	239 00
Miss Blanche W. Trufant, assistant	254 40
Total	\$703 40
Paid for teaching the Adams intermediate school:—	
Miss I. L. Fox	\$318 00
*Paid for teaching the Adams primary school:—	
Miss Cora M. Daniels	\$56 00
Paid for teaching the Grange Hall primary school:—	
Miss Susie O. Newhouse	\$305 25

*Discontinued April 27, 1894.

Paid for teaching the Ellice school:—

Miss I. R. Mills	\$299 00
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Paid for teaching the Daniell school:—

Miss Bessie F. Clark	\$236 60
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Paid for transportation:—

N. Y. & N. E. R. R., high school tickets	\$136 51
G. P. Simmons	70 00
Miss Klara Schwartz	18 00
Miss Bessie Watson	11 00
Ralph Watson	18 00
Fred Bullard	18 00
Miss Jennie Daniels	10 00

Total	\$281 51
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Paid for care of schoolhouses:—

Samuel H. Frink, Adams and Grange Hall	\$167 00
John D. Hutchinson, Ellice	20 50
L. H. Demary, Daniell	16 75
Charles P. Dinneen, Daniell	6 00

Total	\$210 25
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Paid for fuel:—

George C. Thrasher (last year's account)	\$ 28 00
J. C. Thorne	134 20
F. E. Cook	18 26
J. L. Snow, cutting and housing wood	8 10
E. F. Richardson	11 90
S. H. Frink, cutting and housing wood	9 00
Jacob Smith	5 00
J. D. Hutchinson, cutting and housing wood	3 80

Total	\$218 26
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Paid for books and supplies:—

J. L. Hammett	\$53 87
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn	6 60
Lee & Shepard	1 80
Boston School Supply Co.	7 35
Ginn & Co.	3 25

Amount carried forward, ...	\$72 87
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$72 87
Silver, Burdett & Co.	3 20
E. E. Babb & Co.	1 65
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	9 35
G. F. King & Merrill	2 20
Total	<u>\$89 27</u>

Paid for incidentals:—

F. Swarman	\$2 08
F. W. Guild, clock	5 00
E. F. Lovell, painting	30 65
C. S. Williams, repairs	5 85
Town of Holliston	3 22
F. C. Tenney, expenses	7 10
E. La Croix	19 05
H. H. Thorne, express and supplies	14 28
G. M. Billings, printing	9 25
J. A. Fitts	2 15
S. H. Frink, labor	18 00
Mrs. Bridget Maloy, cleaning	6 75
Lakeview Printing Co., school reports	10 75
Mrs. Spellman, cleaning	3 00
Mrs. D. McCarty, cleaning	4 40
Frank Daniels, shingles	2 44
E. L. Richardson, labor	3 75
E. F. Richardson, expense	8 49
W. J. Davis	75
Millis Water Co.	20 00
Grange Hall Association, rent	150 00
J. N. Fiske, printing	1 75
L. E. Thompson	1 43
W. P. Clark, insurance on Adams school-house	22 50
Hazelton & Fisher	4 80
Jordan, Marsh & Co.	3 79
Millis Water works	2 50
F. E. Cook, money paid out	2 00
W. H. Thorne, truant officer	3 50
Total	<u>\$369 23</u>

Paid for salaries:—

*F. C. Tenney, superintendent	\$306 26
E. F. Richardson, book agent	15 00

Amount carried forward, \$321 26

*Mr. Tenney was paid on account of last year's salary, \$43.76.

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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$321 26
F. E. Cook, secretary	6 00
E. F. Richardson	20 00
F. E. Cook	20 00
E. L. Richardson	20 00
Total	\$387 26

SUMMARY.

Amount expended for teaching	\$2,166 25
" " transportation	281 51
" " care of houses	210 25
" " fuel	218 26
" " books and supplies	89 27
" " general incidentals	369 23
" " salaries	387 26
Total	
Total school expenses	\$3,722 03
Total avails	\$3,722 03
	3,657 03
Deficit	\$65 00

We have a deficit of \$65 this year, which was incurred by the payment of two bills of last year amounting to \$71.76, otherwise the expenses this year would give an unexpended balance of \$6.76.

In closing, your committee would recommend an appropriation of \$3500, as it is our opinion this is the least sum for which the schools can be maintained during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. RICHARDSON, Chairman,
FRANK E. COOK, Secretary,
E. L. RICHARDSON,

School Committee.

MILLIS, Feb. 1, 1895.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Millis.

GENTLEMEN :—

I TAKE pleasure in submitting to you my fourth annual report. In the nature of things this can be but partial and fragmentary; the impartial and complete report is to be found in the lives of the graduates from our schools. Of this record we have reason to be proud.

The year just ended has, on the whole, been marked by satisfactory, successful work. The attendance, especially in the latter part of the year, has shown marked improvement, discipline has been excellent, and the requirements of the course of study have been more closely observed than heretofore.

There is no danger of commending too warmly the highly satisfactory spirit of work which seems to characterize the pupils as a body. It is pleasant for both superintendent and teachers to feel that their efforts meet with real appreciation and a willing response from those under their charge.

But little change has been made during the year in the course of study or methods of teaching. Wherever changes have been made the aim has been rather to strengthen and develop the reasoning faculties than to furnish disconnected, unrelated facts to be memorized. It has also been attempted to give the entire work a practical, business-like character,—a quality it often lacks.

VERTICAL WRITING.

In this connection it is interesting to review our experience in introducing vertical writing.

Writing, like printing, is simply a mechanical means for the communication of thought. It is not, writing-masters to the

contrary notwithstanding, primarily designed to afford its disciples a pretext for perpetrating beautiful flourishes, intricate monograms, or libels upon the animal kingdom. Impossible pen-and-ink doves, bearing in their beaks invitations to imaginary weddings, and Spencerian representations of an agonized Washington crossing a preternaturally foreshortened Delaware may be interesting as specimens of alleged art, but they are not penmanship. In the Dark Ages, when books were few and readers fewer, a monk, with a lifetime's leisure at command, might well afford to devote years to the illumination of a missal, and days to the engrossing of a letter. The present age has no time for such diversions. The typewriter and the stenographer owe their existence to the inability of the ordinary penman to keep pace with our modern, high-pressure business methods, and necessary economy of time.

Yet, despite the existence of stenography and type-writing, by far the greater part of our correspondence, our records of daily transactions, and our private memoranda must still be dependent upon the so-called long-hand. This has many manifest disadvantages, and any improvement upon it must, and will, ultimately be generally adopted.

The theory of evolution is just as applicable to the man who earns his livelihood by the use of his pen as it is to the horse and to the camel. He may not develop as parts of his bodily organism the keys and levers of the type-writer, but he will ultimately develop and use the simplest, easiest, and most legible style of penmanship he can devise.

There is probably no position in the world which demands so rapid writing, sustained for long periods, as does that of the clerk who receives and records telegraph messages sent at high rates of speed. The receiver must read, and record for immediate delivery, these messages as fast as the operator at the other end of the line can send them in. This is often at the rate of forty, or forty-five, sometimes over fifty, words per minute. In a single office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. one thousand such operators are employed. From these operators, taken at random, fifty-four slips containing specimens of handwriting, executed in the ordinary course of busi-

ness, were secured recently for purposes of comparison and instruction. Of the fifty-four specimens thus obtained but one reached what we have been taught to believe the standard slant, 52 degrees; over forty per cent were absolutely vertical, while the others varied from fifteen to thirty degrees only from the upright. These specimens show conclusively that the greatest speed, legibility, and naturalness of movement culminate, either in a vertical handwriting, or in a slant approximating the vertical.

Accepting the hint thus offered, the vertical system of writing was adopted, experimentally, in our schools at the beginning of the fall term. An experience of five months is too brief, perhaps, to justify us in pronouncing the new system superior in every respect to the old; but certain advantages which it possesses are, I think, evident to all.

First. About one-third less space is traversed by the pen in vertical than in slanting writing, hence time is gained and space is saved by its use.

Second. It is severely plain and simple in the forms of its letters; hence it excels in legibility.

Third. It requires a natural position, i. e. squarely facing the desk. This eliminates the tendency to lateral distortion of the spine, and permanent elevation of the right shoulder, inseparable from the old "side position." It is also the natural and rational method of writing when ledgers or other bulky volumes are to be used.

Fourth. Its adoption of the "muscular movement," combined with the holding of the pen between the first and second fingers instead of between the first finger and thumb, renders its user much less subject to fatigue and writer's cramp.

Fifth. Since the book, lines, and letters all face the writer directly, the image formed upon one retina is precisely similar to that upon the other, and neither eye is unduly strained.

The last-named advantage is, of course, enjoyed by the reader as well as the writer, and would, alone, from its tendency to prevent diseases of the eye, seem to afford ample grounds for preferring vertical to slanting writing.

SUPPLEMENTARY READING.

The wisdom of substituting standard literary wholes for the miscellaneous fragments, good, bad, and indifferent, which make up the ordinary third, fourth, and fifth reader, has been still further demonstrated during the year. The pleasure and interest with which pupils read Hawthorne, Holmes, and other standard authors is surprising.

Reading in the grammar grades of most schools is poor as compared with the proficiency manifested in other branches. It is characterized, uniformly, by monotony and lack of expression. This is not wholly, nor even chiefly, the pupil's fault. He has not been furnished reading matter in the quantity necessary to give him fluency, nor of the quality calculated to excite his interest. Neither has he been taught in the best manner, probably, throughout his entire primary course, for, though good readers are few, good teachers of reading are fewer. To be really successful in this direction the teacher must combine enthusiasm, tact, and skill, and possess, in addition, true literary taste.

But the importance of oral reading, after all, is small, compared to that of silent reading. Learning to read is a preliminary to education, but reading to learn is education itself. The ordinary class can easily be brought to double or even treble the amount read per year. Ten or twelve first readers are covered in the best schools in the first primary grade, and from nine to twelve whole pieces of literature are read in each of the grammar grades. The legitimate fruit of this course is to be seen in the increased patronage of our public libraries, and in the multiplicity of editions of our standard authors.

In this direction we have done much, but there is still room for more real literature in our schools. In the words of the last annual report, I would "recommend strongly that we ultimately furnish each pupil, not one, but several of these 'literary wholes' as readers, and that, in the meantime, the supply of this kind of reading matter be increased as rapidly as our finances will permit."

VISITORS.

Despite the standing invitation of all our teachers to the townspeople to visit our schools, the special invitation extended by the superintendent in the last report, and the sincere, if sometimes unspoken desire of the children to have "father and mother visit our school," we have not been favored with the number of callers we could have wished to see, nor, indeed, with the number we might justly have expected.

I trust, in this connection, a brief extract from a series of resolutions recently passed by one of the New England State Granges will be pardoned:—

"The public school has been the pride of New England for many generations. If it is to continue its great work, the best citizens of every community must give some of their time, effort, and influence to making it equal to the work it should do, and worthy of the age. Every true patron realizes that it is his duty to take an interest in the school of his neighborhood, to know its teacher, to be familiar with its work, to give needed aid, counsel, and sympathy, and at all times to be its champion.

"To the making of our schools what our children have a right to demand they should be, we propose to devote our time and dedicate our talents, and we pledge our support to the school officers and teachers who strive to make these reforms realities."

The prosperity—nay, the very existence—of our state and nation depends mainly upon the character and extent of the training afforded by our primary and grammar schools. To elevate the standard of these schools and to widen the intellectual and moral horizon of their pupils is to place American citizenship upon a higher plane, and to ensure the perpetuity of the American Republic. The state compels us to give our children an education in the public schools. Our own good sense should compel us to see to it that this education is both broad and thorough.

If your knowledge of our schools and the work they are doing is derived from common rumor, or is limited to a perusal of this report, you know but little of their value. Acquaint yourself with it by personal inspection of the different rooms. Begin with the lowest primary and ascend to the highest

grammar grade; note the awakening and development of observation, memory, imagination, and reason in the pupils. You will soon cease to view the schools from the selfish standpoint of a mere taxpayer, and to murmur, if you have ever done so, at the cost of an institution which is transforming the careless, romping child of today into the prudent, intelligent citizen of tomorrow.

CONCLUSION.

In closing, permit me to thank most sincerely the committee, teachers, and pupils for the hearty assistance and co-operation which have made the discharge of the superintendent's duties a pleasure rather than a task.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. TENNEY,

Superintendent of Schools.



SCHOOL SPECIALTIES.

The Adams School.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

ENROLMENT, 53 PUPILS.

C. W. M. BLANCHARD, }
D. H. WHIPPLE, } *Principals.*

MISS BLANCHE W. TRUFANT, *Assistant.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.—Annie M. Gardiner, Annie F. Ryan, Linna M. Schwartz, Jennie Shea.

SECOND TERM.—Linna M. Schwartz.

THIRD TERM.—Emma F. Cook, George B. Holland, Gustav Schönberg.

Advanced to High School.—Arthur H. Ware, Arthur Vining, Chester La Croix, Edward McDonough, Ada Jocoy, Annie M. Gardiner.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

ENROLMENT, 45 PUPILS.

MISS LILLABEL FOX, *Teacher.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

SPRING TERM.—Ethel Kenison, Roy Kenison, Frank Haven, Estella Boulester, Harry Holbrook, Ruby Finlay.

FALL TERM.—Estella Boulester, Irene Boulester, Ethel Kenison, Roy Kenison, John McDonough, James McDonough, George Seaver.

Advanced to Grammar School.—Bessie Adams, Ernest Fisher, Ruby Finlay, Herbert Hood, William McDonough, Thomas McDonough, Delia Myer, Fred Roach, Cora Snow.

The Grange School.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

ENROLMENT, 48 PUPILS.

MISS SUSIE O. NEWHOUSE, *Teacher.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

SPRING TERM.—Irene Boulester, Gertrude Boulester.

FALL TERM.—Robert Seaver.

Advanced to Intermediate Department.—Gertrude Boulester, Irene Boulester, Charles Brackett, Evan Howe, James La Croix, Gussie Marcus, Annie McCarthy, Willie O'Brien, Grace Shannon, James Shea, Sibyl Thrasher.

The Ellice School.

PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE.

ENROLMENT, 34 PUPILS.

MISS RUBELLE MILLS, *Teacher.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.—Curtis Parish, Fred Vanstone, Oliver Willard, Edith Clark.

SECOND TERM.—Horace Hurd, Cyrus Sawyer, Vincent Gannon.

THIRD TERM.—Edith Clark, Eddie Simmons, Cyrus Sawyer, Horace Hurd.

The Daniell School.

PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE GRADES. ENROLMENT, 32 PUPILS.

MISS BESSIE F. CLARK, *Teacher.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.—Agnes D. Cassidy, Mary E. Cassidy, Carroll A. Farwell.

SECOND TERM.—Charlie P. Dinneen.

THIRD TERM.—Agnes D. Cassidy, George D. Cassidy, Charlie P. Dinneen, Ernest W. Snow.

Advanced to Grammar School.—Harry M. Shannon, Gustav Schönberg.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance.
Adams grammar school . . .	42.22	39.40	93.30
Adams intermediate school . .	30.5	28.5	93.4
Grange primary school . . .	27	23	85
Ellice school	33.8	29.8	88.16
Daniell school	17.14	14.80	86

The Medway High School.

ENROLMENT FROM MILLIS, 17 PUPILS. SCHOOL YEAR, 40 WKS.

WILLARD J. FISHER, }
FRED P. BATCHELDER, } *Principals.*
W. C. SMALLEY, }

MISS EDNA M. GRANT, *Assistant.*

LIST OF PUPILS.

Class of 1895.

Jennie W. Daniels, Bessie V. Watson,
Ralph Watson.

Class of 1896.

Fred Bullard, Mary Haughs,
Klary Schwartz, Emmy Stobbart,
Jennie R. Howe.

Class of 1897.

Pearl L. Andrews, Ethel Fisher,
Martin McDonough.

Class of 1898.

Ada Jocoy, Annie M. Gardiner,
Chester La Croix, Arthur Vining,
Arthur H. Ware, Edward McDonough.

LIST OF GRADUATES FROM MILLIS.

Class of 1883.

Arthur H. Daniels, Caroline C. Jameson,
Mary G. Russell.

Class of 1884.

Mary E. Bickford, Ellen M. Jones,
Henry F. Spencer, Minnie L. Swarman,
Mary W. Walker.

Class of 1885.

Charles H. Daniels, Etta S. Stevens,
Florence I. Stewart.

Class of 1886.

Amy J. Clark, Mary A. Clark.

Class of 1887.

Henry T. Richardson.

Class of 1888.

Elsie L. Clark, Edith M. Richardson.

Class of 1889.

George K. Fisher.

Class of 1890.

Cora M. Daniels.

Class of 1892.

Charles Hollander, Eloise Holland,
Blanche W. Trufant.

Class of 1893.

F. Irving Howe, Clarence H. Jones.

Class of 1894.

Hannah B. Ware.

Whole Number, 24.

IN THE HIGHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Charles Hollander, Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.
F. Irving Howe, Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.

Clarence H. Jones, Boston University, Mass.

Frank Shannon, Boston College, Mass.

Lois La Croix, Boston Conservatory of Music, Mass.

Hannah B. Ware, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass.



REPORT OF THE
TRUSTEES

THE trustees are happy to report the Millis public library in good condition. The books have been well treated by the public, and well cared for by the librarian. The library now numbers two thousand, two hundred and eighty volumes. Two hundred and ninety-three volumes have been added during the year, divided roughly as follows: Fiction, 110; magazines, 38; history, 24; biography, 20; travel, 16; religion and sociology, 15; poetry, drama, and music, 16; nature, 16; essays and addresses, 8; miscellaneous, 32. Between forty and fifty of these are designed especially for boys and girls. One hundred and nineteen of the above were a gift from the state, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 255 of the Acts of 1892.

The library has outgrown its present shelf-room, and two large cases, with capacity for about one thousand volumes, are now in process of construction. Thus at a small expense the library will be provided with shelf-room sufficient for a number of years.

The trustees regret that the public were deprived of library privileges for a few weeks in the early winter. But as a new catalogue was contemplated, and as such a catalogue would fix the condition of the library for several years, it seemed

wise to bring the books under some systematic classification before proceeding with the catalogue. Such a change in the arrangement and numbering of the books involved labor—more labor than most people are aware of. Labor involves time. Under such circumstances, with other work to do, much more time was taken than would have been the case if consecutive days could have been given to the work. However, as work has been done freely which otherwise would have cost the town quite a sum, it is presumed that the public will be generous-minded in the matter. For part of this free labor we are indebted to Mr. D. H. Whipple, the teacher of our grammar school.

What is known as the Dewey system of classification has been adopted. In accordance with this system all books of like nature are brought together. The novels, for instance, instead of being scattered all through the library with other books, are by themselves. Also, all novels by the same author are together, and so numbered that any book by a given author, if added hereafter, can be put with books by the same author already in the library. So it is with other classes of literature. History and travel are so arranged that books on a given country are side by side. In biography all books on a given individual are together. Books added in the future can be put with books on the same subject, no matter how long the library exists, or how large may be its growth.

While the public may fail to see how this arrangement affects for the better their use of the library, it still remains true that in the end they will be greatly benefited by it. Not only that, but the library will be upon a well organized basis for future systematic growth. It can be known at a glance what is, and what is not, in the library. A library does not want to be a mixture of everything, without proportion or balance. Its object is to educate and enlighten the people. Consequently, it should be so arranged and so equipped as to meet any reasonable demand in any given direction. As now arranged, every department of knowledge has its place, to be filled, if not already occupied, by books on that subject. It is now expected that the new catalogue will be issued some time in March.

The library as a whole is composed of books of a high order of excellence and of permanent value. It reflects credit upon its founders and benefactors, as well as upon the town itself. The town has something tangible to show for money already expended, to say nothing of the influence such a collection of books has upon the life of the community. As an auxiliary of the public schools its value cannot be over-estimated. Indeed, the library and the schools stand side by side as mutual promoters of each other's influence for the public good. For this reason, if for no other, we feel sure that the town will continue to be generously disposed towards the maintenance and enlargement of her public library.

The trustees would recommend the town to raise and appropriate for library purposes for the ensuing year the sum of one hundred dollars in addition to the dog tax usually devoted to this object. They would also recommend the appropriation of a sum of money sufficient to insure the free carriage of books to and from Rockville on each library day of the year.

The treasurer's report is herewith appended:—

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I herewith submit my report of the receipts and expenditures of the funds allowed the public library trustees:—

DR.	
Balance from 1893 and 1894	\$185 42
Town appropriation	100 00
Proceeds of dog tax	155 36
Sale of books	1 30
Town appropriation, catalogue	150 00
	\$592 08
CR.	
Paid Hester J. Lovell, salary and extra labor on catalogue	\$98 60
Engineering Magazine	2 40
W. H. Guild & Co.	4 25
Hollander, Bradshaw & Folsom	90 91
Outlook Co.	10 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$206 66

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$206 65
Christian Register	4 25
C. G. Brackett, printing	1 00
Brown & Co., printing	3 50
Henry D. Noyes & Co., magazines	28 00
Estes & Lauriat	44 56
A. H. H. Warren & Co., binding	19 10
A. H. Wheelock, expenses	1 85
Express and postage	1 25
	\$310 17

RECAPITULATION.

Received	\$592 08
Expended	310 17
Balance	\$281 91

OSGOOD T. DEAN,
Treasurer.

JOHN M. CRANE,
OSGOOD T. DEAN,
AUGUSTUS L. WARE,
JAMES H. HAINES,
ALBERT H. WHEELLOCK,

Trustees of the Millis Public Library.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

To the Citizens of the Town of Millis:—

YOUR commissioners report the following: The town came into possession of the water works on Dec. 27, 1894, and the Water Company was given permission to run the works until Jan. 1, 1895. \$29,000 was borrowed for three months, and was secured at an interest \$1.00 better than 2½ per cent. The above loan was made in order to make an immediate settlement for the water works and also to give ample time to investigate in order that the most advantageous terms of borrowing the money could be secured.

Mr. J. S. Adams was engaged as engineer at a salary of \$10.50 per week. The water bills were made payable quarterly in advance, and for the first quarter at the same rates, and under the same rules and regulations as prescribed by the Water Company.

There are 135 water services in town, and at the present time 29 of them are not in use on account of empty tenements, which consequently lessens the quarterly income considerably.

The expenses for repairs and the placing of new parts for the first year will amount to much more than for the average year, as there are many things which need immediate attention.

E. F. RICHARDSON, Treasurer, in account with the TOWN OF
MILLIS, Jan. 1, 1895 to Feb 12, 1895.

WATER RATES FROM JAN. 1, 1895 TO APRIL 1, 1895.

DR.	
Thomas Harding	\$10 00
Mrs. E. A. Hill	2 50
George F. Holbrook	2 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$15 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$ 15 00
William Whiting	2 50
George N. Lavender	6 50
Mrs. F. Babcock	2 50
Mrs. Addison Richardson	1 50
William Hudson	2 50
Mrs. S. P. Richardson	2 50
Mrs. Louisa Fisher	2 50
Frank Herman & Co.	25 00
M. A. Ware	2 50
G. K. Fisher	1 50
A. L. Hollander	6 25
L. P. Hollander	2 50
Mrs. J. Wright	2 50
W. S. Mitchell	10 50
Mrs. A. Whitney	3 50
E. L. Holbrook	2 50
J. C. Thorne	8 75
R. P. Ross	1 50
Wm. Thorne	6 75
Mrs. S. H. Roach	2 50
W. D. Rowell	2 50
Millis Bakery	3 50
E. F. Richardson	3 50
Moses Richardson	3 75
George H. Clark	5 00
O. T. Dean	4 00
Thomas McMahan	2 50
Mrs. Davis	2 50
A. L. Ware	2 50
Daniel Murphy	2 50
E. J. Stewart	4 75
George R. Hill	3 75
Horace Cushman	2 50
H. E. Hosmer	4 00
Parsonage	2 50
E. E. Murray	2 50
John Mannix	2 50
J. S. Folsom	2 50
Millis Company	65 00
Town of Millis, 15 hydrants	187 50
Town of Millis, Adams school	2 50
Oak Grove Farm	12 50
Weeks & Merrill	4 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$441 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$441 00
Charles B. Russ	2 50
E. D. Dean	4 00
Estate of Harriet P. Millis	19 00
Fred H. Williams	2 50
Estate of Elihu Fuller	2 50
Grange Hall Association	2 50
Charles La Croix	12 50
A. E. Appleyard	7 50
Mrs. L. B. Van Kleeck	1 50
Steel Edge Works, January and February	10 00
Clicquot Club Bottling works, January	8 34
Dr. C. W. Emerson (Jan. '95 to Jan '96)	50 00
Penalties	2 50
	\$566 34

CR.

Amounts paid from Jan. 1 to Feb. 12, 1895:—

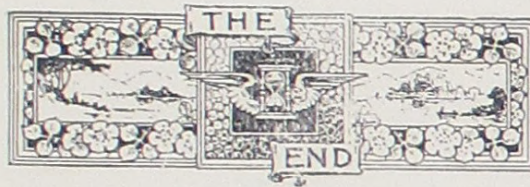
E. F. Richardson, car fare and books	\$ 3 88
H. H. Thorne, rubber tubing and express	4 62
Repairing drain pipe in East Millis:—	
E. La Croix	\$1 20
J. C. Thorne	1 00
Thomas Maloy	1 50
G. Morrill	1 50
John McDonough	1 50
Thomas McMahan	1 00
E. F. Richardson	2 00
	9 70
Hazelton & Fisher, oil and can	1 40
J. H. Shannon, wrench	50
J. C. Thorne, coal and carting	85 92
G. M. Billings, printing	3 25
Thomas McMahan, labor	50
J. C. Thorne, pumping	1 00
H. H. Thorne, express	25
William Thorne, express	15
Ed. LaCroix, labor and repairs	6 31
H. H. Thorne, oil and express	6 85
J. S. Adams, salary to Feb 12, 1895	63 00
	\$187 33
Balance on hand Feb. 12, '95	379 01
	\$566 34

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. EMERSON, Chairman,
THOMAS HARDING,
E. F. RICHARDSON, Secretary,
Water Commissioners.

Have examined the above accounts and find them correct.

EDMUND F. LOVELL,
Auditor.



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